

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC HEARINGS
OCTOBER 27, 2015
Legislative Chamber, 7:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT 310A CUMBERLAND ROAD:

President Slifka: Good evening. Good evening. Hi everybody. We, as I've spoken to a few of you individually, we have a Public Hearing that was scheduled for 7:25 that should be brief that we have to do. We'll then commence the Council meeting immediately after that and get to the reason that, I think, 99% of you are here tonight. So, I will call to order the 7:25 Public Hearing, which is a Resolution Authorizing a Conveyance of Land at 310A Cumberland Road. Can I ask for a roll call, please, Ms. Labrot.

All Councilors were present.

President Slifka: Here. Okay, thank you. Since everybody's already here. If you had been here for the 7:00 Public Hearing, you would've seen Mrs. Casperson was here. She suffered a pinched nerve and was trying to stand and other things but had better judgement and sent her home so she's on the phone attending the meeting that way. Otherwise, she would've been here for this. Okay, at this point, Mr. Alair, for the presentation.

Mr. Alair: Good evening. I had no idea this was so controversial. [laughter] What you have in front of you is a proposal to authorize the Town Manager to deed a 10 foot wide strip of property on Cumberland Road which, if you drove past it, wouldn't even know it existed. It's a strip between 310 and 316 Cumberland Road. It has been maintained by the owner of 316 for decades as part of his property but, in a very strange twist, the Town acquired this 10 foot wide strip and a string of other pieces in 1949 through a foreclosure. We've owned it ever since and I don't think we knew it but the neighbor knew it and has been maintaining it and he approached somebody in Public Works and asked about how he goes about cleaning up title and getting title to the property. I passed out, Joe, I think... There's an aerial photograph with a line drawn around the area in question. It certainly does not create a developable lot. It has no value except possibly a little bit of an increase in the land value on his property for assessment purposes going forward and it clears up a little bit of title. So, we're asking your approval to authorize us to convey it to him.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Alair. Are there any questions for Mr. Alair? Seeing none. Okay, the signup sheet?

Mr. Alair: It is blank.

President Slifka: Okay. I suspect I know the answer to this but I hafta ask. Is there anybody who did not sign up who wished to speak to this particular item? No? No, okay. Then, with that, I'll read in for the record. We have a letter dated October 6, 2015 from the TPZ recommending approval and if there is nothing further from my colleagues or Mr. Alair, we'll close the Public Hearing.

Mr. Alair: Thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you.
Public Hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

Essie S. Labrot
Town/Council Clerk